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Comptroller W. B. Ridgely Declines To Be President Of Heinze's New York Bank

Directors Could Not Agree Upon Authority to Be Given Him.

Wanted to Control Policies and More Than Half of Stock.

William B. Ridgely, Comptroller of the Currency, today refused to accept the proffer of the presidency of the Mercantile National Bank, of New York city.

Although Mr. Ridgely gave out a brief statement merely saying he had declined to accept the offer after consultation with his friends, it is understood in financial circles that one reason for his refusal was inability of the directors of the bank to agree to all of his demands about the authority he should have in regulating and conducting the institution.

His statement, as given to the press today, was:

"After consultation with his friends in Washington and the West, Comptroller Ridgely has decided he does not care to leave the Treasury Department at Washington for the present, and has therefore declined the offer of the presidency of the Mercantile National Bank of New York."

It is understood that one of the demands the Comptroller made on the directors of the bank was that he and his



Ridgely photo by Harris-Ewing. COMPTROLLER RIDGELY, Who Refuses the Presidency of a New York Bank.

friends should be allowed to control more than one-half of the \$3,000,000 stock the bank has out.

ROOTS RETURN TO WASHINGTON FROM MEXICO

Party Arrived at 8:30 This Morning—Go Direct to Home.

Secretary Appears in Best of Health and Rejuvenated.

Secretary of State Root, accompanied by Mrs. Root, Miss Root, and his private secretary, Percival Gassett, returned to Washington this morning from his trip to Mexico, where he was the personal guest of President Diaz. The journey was made in the private car Signet, which was attached to the regular Pennsylvania train, which arrived at 8:30 o'clock from St. Louis, where the car was taken on yesterday morning.

Secretary Root and the members of his family entered their private carriage, which was at the Sixth street station to meet them, and were driven directly to their residence in Sixteenth street. To personal friends and State Department officials who met the Secretary at the station to greet him upon his return from his happy visit to a foreign country, the Secretary appeared to be in excellent health and splendid spirits. He looked even better than he did immediately upon his return a month ago from taking the treatment at Muldoon's Sanatorium in New York. The Secretary spent the morning at home, going over some private business matters, and did not appear at his office until afternoon.

Captain Chandler May Be Lost; No Late News From Balloon; Has Won the Lahm Cup Race

Route of the Chandler-McCoy Balloon From the Time It Left St. Louis to Yesterday Evening, When It Was Reported Above Beech Hill, W. Va.



Chandler photo by Harris-Ewing. CAPT. CHAS. DE P. CHANDLER, Who Wins the Lahm Cup.

Airship Last Sighted Over West Virginia Going in Southeasterly Direction at a Speed of Twenty-five Miles an Hour.

Up to noon today the Signal Corps of the War Department had not heard anything from Captain Chandler, whose balloon, when last reported some twelve hours before, was over the mountains in West Virginia, after a record-breaking voyage from St. Louis.

Before Captain Chandler left, it was arranged that immediately after landing he would wire the Signal Corps headquarters from the nearest telegraph station. Some fears are entertained lest the daring aeronaut and his companion, J. C. McCoy, have met with an accident, or are lost in the mountains.

United States Marshal Chandler, of Cleveland, father of the aeronaut, was in Washington today on

WOMAN KILLS SELF IN LODGING HOUSE; TURNS ON THE GAS

Lost Sight Believed to Have Been Cause of Suicide.

Despair over the loss of her sight

believed to be the cause of the suicide of Mrs. Nina McCormick, a widow, who was found dead in her room, at 381 P street northwest, at 5 o'clock this morning. Two gas jets had been turned on and the windows and doors tightly fastened by the woman before she lay down. Mrs. McCormick was fifty-five years old.

Mrs. McCormick was found by Mrs. Miller, the landlady, who was awakened by the gas. Forcing open the door she found Mrs. McCormick lying across the bed. She was fully dressed with the exception of her shoes and stockings.

Notified Brother.

After turning off the gas, which was so strong in the room that she was nearly overcome, Mrs. Miller notified Mrs. McCormick's brother, who also lived in the house. The police of the Second precinct were notified by telephone, and a hurry call was sent to the Emergency Hospital. The ambulance surgeon pronounced life extinct, and said the woman had been dead several hours.

Policeman Adcock took charge of the remains until the arrival of the Coroner. After viewing the body, Coroner Nevitt gave a certificate of suicide.

An investigation on the part of the police failed to reveal any motive for the woman's act.

Police Captain Sullivan said that his men had been unable to learn anything that would throw any light on the case.

In Good Spirits.

Mrs. McCormick went to her room at the usual time last night, after spending the early part of the evening talking with the other boarders in the parlor. She seemed to be in good spirits and gave no intimation of her intention to end her life.

Several weeks ago she had an attack of neurasthenia, but according to her relatives, she had fully recovered. She had not complained of being ill for several days, and it was not thought she was despondent.

No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

HE GOT THE JOB

Not long ago a boy applied at the Harvard Pharmacy, Eleventh and Harvard streets, for work. "We haven't anything here," he was told, "but you can put a want ad in The Times at our branch here and you'll be pretty sure to get one."

The boy landed his job.

Heinze Back to Mines; He Loses \$20,000,000 As Wall Street Meteor

Deposed Bank President Can Raise Money to Carry on Enterprise in West—Still Retains Interest in Mercantile Bank.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Back to the mines. This, it is asserted today, is the plan of F. Augustus Heinze, late "copper king," to rehabilitate his fortunes and carry on his fight against his rivals—H. H. Rogers and the Amalgamated Copper Company.

Heinze's fortune is shattered, his prestige is gone, he is bitter against Wall street, and financiers here are bitter against him. His losses are said to be \$20,000,000. In view of these facts, it is said, he is determined to dispose of his New York holdings and go back to Montana, where he expects his mines shortly to yield him enough for him to face his old rivals on an equal footing. His sale of stocks he holds will yield him enough to carry on his large business enterprises in the West.

The crisis created by the copper crash still hinges about the Mercantile National Bank, the presidency of which Heinze resigned Thursday.

It was the general opinion in Wall

street yesterday that Heinze had put his Mercantile Bank stock on the market along with his other holdings, yet this is what he had to say when seen at the Waldorf Astoria:

Heinze Hasn't Sold.

"I still hold a controlling interest of the Mercantile National Bank. I have not parted with a share of my Mercantile stock."

Heinze was silent for a time and then continued, his voice rising in anger: "I would like to say this about the clearing house committee. They were asked to come into my bank and make a thorough examination. They found it perfectly solvent and said so. Later they added that gratuitous blow about the surplus impairment. You know why they did that—nothing more or less than to induce our depositors to withdraw their accounts. A fine business! They were endeavoring to attract deposits to their own institutions."

Aid From Clearing House.

It was reported in Wall Street, following a meeting of the Clearing House committee this morning, that the Clearing House Association had extended \$100,000 relief to the Mercantile National Bank. This action is necessarily temporary. Members of the Clearing House committee refused to discuss what was done at the meeting, except to state that no definite action was taken in reference to any other bank.

The stock market at its opening reflected the uncertainty of the financial situation, and was very irregular. Coppers especially fluctuated rapidly for fractional gains or losses. United Copper opened slightly below the closing figure yesterday. During the first hour trading indicated stocks were being steadily absorbed. The marked uneasiness of the operations, however, showed that a new raid was a possibility at any moment.

BECKWITH DEPOSITION SUBJECT TO MARSHAL

Frank Chandler, United States marshal, of Cleveland, Ohio, was told today by the Attorney General that he can practically exercise his own discretion as to whether he shall make public the ante-mortem statement he has of Banker Beckwith, of the defunct Oberlin Bank, which was concerned in the fraudulent finance operations of Cassie Chadwick.

Mr. Chandler says he will not make it public because the statement brings into the notorious case many new names. If he makes the statement public with the new names retained in it, he will subject himself to suits for libel. If anything arises necessitating the publishing of it, he will strike from it the names of the persons implicated by the words of the dying Beckwith spoke. The statement came into the marshal's possession as a deposition.

DIAMOND IMPORTER DEAD; INJURED IN AUTO WRECK

CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—Herbert W. Allen, a wealthy diamond importer, head of the firm of Herbert W. Allen & Co., died this morning from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

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SEVEN BURNED BY OIL

Mother and Six Children Are Hurt in Explosion.

Woman and Son Dying—Recovery of Three Doubtful.

Poured Kerosene in Stove to Make Fire Burn.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—A mother and six of her eleven children were fatally and seriously burned today, following an explosion of kerosene in the home of Mrs. Phoebe Goldstein, in Brooklyn. Mrs. Goldstein and her twenty-five-year-old son, David, are dying in the Eastern District Hospital, and fears are entertained for the recovery of three others.

Mrs. Goldstein had built a fire in a stove on the third floor. It did not burn brightly, so she secured a can of oil and began to pour it on. An explosion followed, and the woman, crazed by the shock, ran into the other rooms and fought her children away when they tried to add her.

Policemen finally stripped the woman, and sent in a call for the fire department. Policeman O'Brien, of the Clymer street station, was burned about the hands in extinguishing the flames. The burned children are David, Herman, Max, Leon, Nellie, and Dollie.

CAROLINA BEAUTY ASKS FOR DIVORCE FROM NAVY OFFICER

Alleges Surgeon F. L. Benton Was Too Familiar With Dishwasher.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Mrs. Aletta Thompson Benton, a celebrated Southern beauty, has brought suit in the supreme court for absolute divorce, naming Annie Grady, a dishwasher, as co-respondent. Her husband, Surgeon Frederick L. Benton, is a friend of President Roosevelt, formerly attached to the Brooklyn naval hospital, and one of the most popular men in the naval surgery corps.

The indiscretions are alleged to have occurred on or about January 2, 1906, a few months after the wedding. Annie Grady was a dishwasher and waitress at the Brooklyn Naval Hospital while Surgeon Benton was stationed there.

Dr. Stuart H. Benton, father of the defendant, said today:

"I confidently believe that my son's wife is not right in her mind. It is foolish to connect the name of my son with a dishwasher, the daughter of a scrub woman. My son will return to New York to fight the charges made against him. There is a plot in the affair which will be brought to light during the trial."

At Present Surgeon Benton is stationed at Camp Columbia, Cuba. His wife is one of three famous South Carolina beauties. The divorce bill probably will end a naval romance which, while kept a secret, was common gossip among the naval and army in Washington. Benton, now thirty-two years of age, had known the young woman who became Mrs. Benton but a few weeks before they were married at Washington, September 5, 1905. The new Mrs. Benton was a widow. She married an army officer when she was quite young. He died.

GOODACRE WITNESSES SAID TO BE MISSING

U. S. District Attorney Baker, according to a rumor at the City Hall today, has every available detective on a man hunt looking for two of the star witnesses on whose evidence the Government hopes to convict George L. Goodacre, charged and doubly indicted for violation of the anti-gambling laws. Mr. Baker would neither admit nor deny that the story is true. It is said that if these two witnesses are not found the probabilities are that the trial set for next week will have to be postponed.

A motion of the District Attorney to consolidate the two indictments against Goodacre will be argued in Criminal Court Monday morning before Justice Stafford.

The original indictment brought against Goodacre is defective, it being contained by attorneys for the defense that it is not specific and does not charge an offense in law. A second indictment was secured Friday, which is in the form of a blanket sheet, charging violations of the anti-gambling laws.

\$2.50 to Baltimore and Return. Every Saturday and Sunday via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets good returning until Sunday night. All regular trains except "Congressional Limited."—Adv.

TEMPERATURES.

9 a. m.	43
12 noon	51
1 p. m.	53
2 p. m.	56

SUN TABLE.

Sun sets today	5:17
Sun rises tomorrow	6:14

TIDE TABLE.

High water today	6:36 p. m.
Low water today	12:54 p. m.
High water tomorrow	7:30 a. m.
Low water tomorrow	1:18 a. m.

HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., Oct. 19.—Both rivers clear.